

**(to a friend)**

Vienna, 31 March 1824

**Adagio mesto**

Voice

Guitar

*p*

*pp*

*p*

*pp*

*molto incalzando*

*allarg.*

*ff*

*a tempo*

*(let die away)*

*sfz*

*pp harmonics*

*sfz*

*pp*

*p*

*pp*

*p*

*p*

*p*

My bright - est hopes

24

have come to noth - ing, the joys of friend - ship and

*mf* *p* *poco sfz*

28

love soon turn to sor - rows, and e - ven my plea - sure in

*mf* *p* *poco sfz* *cresc.*

32

beau - ty it - self is in dan - ger of dy - ing a - way!

*f* *p* *poco sfz*

36 **Più mosso** *mp*

"Mein - e Ruh' ist

38

hin mein Herz ist schwer;"

41 **Tempo I** *p* *cresc.*  
 thus sang Gretch - en at her spin - ning - wheel.

*poco sfz* *p* *mf*

44 *f* *più f*  
 So - - - might I - - - now - - - sing - - - ev - ery day, - - - for

*f* *sim.* *più f* *sfz* *sfz*

49  
 ev - ery night I go to bed hop - ing - that I shall not wake a - gain, - - - and

*sfz* *sfz*

53 *cresc.* *ff*  
 each morn - ing on - ly brings back all the sor - rows and grief of the day - - - be - fore. - - -

*cresc.* *ff* *rasg. accel.*

57 **Più mosso** *f*  
 "Mein - e Ruh' - - - ist

*sfz* *f*

4  
60

hin\_ mein Herz\_ ist schwer;"

63 **Tempo I**

thus sang Gretch - en at her spin - - ning\_

*p* *sfz*

65

wheel.

*dimin.* *pp* *mf*

68 **Menu mosso**

And so I spend my

*pp* *ma sonoro* *sim.*

72

days, joy - less\_ and friend - less.

*più p* *ppp*